

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05

**A PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR APPROVAL
OF AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE FOR A FIFTH DIVISION OF THE ARIZONA
SUPERIOR COURT FOR COCONINO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, §12-121 of the Arizona Revised Statutes provides that, in each county having a census enumeration greater than 30,000 inhabitants, and upon a petition by the board of supervisors of such county to the Governor and upon arrival thereof, there shall be an additional judge of the superior court for each 30,000 inhabitants, or majority fraction thereof as determined by the board of supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Danna Hendrix, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in and for Coconino County petitioned the Board of Supervisors for creation of a fifth division of the Superior Court in and for Coconino County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the criteria established by § 12-121 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, a population of 135,000 inhabitants would be required for the addition of a judge to serve in a fifth division of the Superior Court in and for Coconino County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Coconino County has determined based upon recent populations estimates that the population of the Coconino County will exceed 135,000 during 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

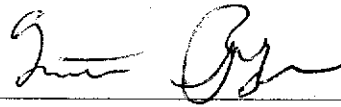
WHEREAS, based on the information provided by the Presiding Judge and otherwise, the Board of Supervisors has determined that a fifth division of the Superior Court would enhance the Court's ability to accommodate increasing criminal caseloads and would allow improved access to the courts for persons in need of justice system services; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Article 6, § §10 and 12, of the Arizona Constitutions and § 12-121 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors hereby petitions the Governor of the State of Arizona to approve an additional judge to serve in a fifth division of the Superior Court in and for Coconino County and to appoint a person to serve until the election and qualification of a successor as provided by law, said appointment to be effective as of April 1, 2009.

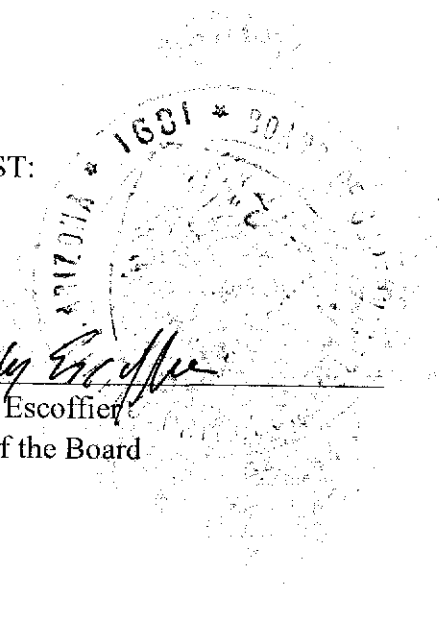
ADOPTED by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors the 3rd day of March, 2009.

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

Coconino County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Matt Ryan, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Wendy Escoffier
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Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Jean Wilcox
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Deputy County Attorney